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From:

To:

David Sanders, Ph.D.,

Director

LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL

This memo is to inform your Board of an article in today's Los Angeles Daily Journal.

The Daily Journal's journalist, Susan McRae, was granted court-ordered access to the Department's case files on minor Carmen C. The story details the life of a medically fragile child who expired while in the care of the Department. The child was initially placed as a result of a general neglect.

Further, the story details information about Children's Social Workers (CSWs) who serviced the case. The Department's Public Affairs Office worked with the CSWs on the case to provide information that accurately detailed the committed actions of all the staff involved with the case.

If you have questions please call me, or your staff may contact Louise Grasmehr of the Public Affairs Section at (213) 351-5779.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer

County Counsel